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## STATE OF MONTANA

HELENA, MONTANA 59620

May 30, 1986

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review  
Jim's Kalispell Taxi--Kalispell

Board of County Commissioners, Courthouse, Kalispell  
Flathead County Planning Office, Kalispell  
Gary Stempin, Flathead County Junk Vehicle Program, Kalispell  
James Michael, 494 Somers Road, Kalispell  
Conn Ovinick, 452 N. Somers Road, Kalispell  
Ed Kennedy, Mayor, Drawer 1997, Kalispell  
Darlene Staffeldt, State Library, Capital Complex, Helena  
Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES, Helena  
Environmental Quality Council, Capital Complex, Helena

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning James Michael/dba/Jim's Kalispell Taxi in Kalispell, MT.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

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Sincerely,

*Carol Fox*

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Environmental Sciences Division  
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## Potential Impact on Physical Environment

### 5. Aesthetics

The State Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Act and regulations require motor vehicle wrecking facilities to be shielded from public view. No junk vehicles may be visible from a point six feet above the centerline of any public road. The regulations permit screening with natural vegetation provided that it meets proper density, height, and temporal standards.

The proposed facility consists of a vehicle area approximately .5 acres in size in the southwest corner of the applicant's property (see enclosed map). The area will hold about 20 vehicles.

A steep bank shields the facility from view of the North Somers Road to the east. The north and west sides of the facility do not need screening due to the surrounding topography and the long distance to public roads north and west (greater than 2 miles).

The only public road from which the facility can be viewed is Highway 35 approximately 1.5 miles to the south. Existing buildings along the highway shield the facility with the exception of a 250' stretch. The applicant plans to plant a combination of deciduous and conifer bushes and trees on the south side of the facility to effectively screen it from Highway 35. Although the facility will be visible until the bushes and trees grow dense and tall, the aesthetic impact resulting from viewing the facility is expected to be minor because of the small number of vehicles in the yard, the long distance between the facility and Highway 35, and the short span of Highway 35 from which junk vehicles can be seen. No wrecking yard license will be issued until the bushes and trees are planted.

There will be an aesthetic impact resulting from establishing this facility on neighboring property owners that can view the facility. State law requires the proposed facility be shielded from public roads, not private residences. Currently the facility can be easily viewed from only one residence besides the applicant's residence.

For reasons stated above, the aesthetic impact of this motor vehicle wrecking facility should not be significant. Should the applicant expand the facility, additional screening may be required.

## Potential Impacts on Human Environment

3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income
7. Quantity and distribution of employment

Typically, establishing and licensing a new motor vehicle wrecking facility has a minimum positive impact on the above criteria. Wrecking



facilities support other business activities and can provide additional income and employment. The applicant, however, rebuilds junk vehicles for his taxi business and will not be buying, selling, or dealing in junk vehicles or vehicle parts. Therefore, establishing and licensing this proposed facility is expected to have no impact on the above criteria.

10. Demands for government services.

Periodic routine inspections by state and local junk vehicle program officials will be necessary to assure that the facility is being maintained and operated in compliance with the Motor Vehicle Recycling Disposal law and rules. A minor amount of administrative effort will be required in establishing files on correspondence with the business. Demands for other government services are not expected to be significant.

13. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals.

The Flathead County Planning office has certified that local zoning ordinances do not prohibit this proposed land use at this location.



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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau DHES/Solid & Hazardous Waste Bureau

Project or Application Jims Kalispell Taxi

Description of Project establishing and licensing a motor vehicle wrecking  
facility at 494 N. Somers Road in Kalispell, MT.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics				X		
6. Air quality			X			X
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites				X		

# POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue				X		X
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income				X		X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment				X		X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		X

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction Flathead County Planning Office, Flathead County Junk Vehicle Program

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. James Michael

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS not necessary

PER Prepared by: Carol Fox

*Carol Fox*

Date: 5-30-86



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Environmental Sciences Division  
Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Helena, Montana 59601

M O T O R   V E H I C L E   W R E C K I N G   F A C I L I T Y

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Montana Department of Health and  
Environmental Sciences  
Helena, Montana 59601

- 1) Name of applicant: James H. Michael
- 2) Name of facility: J. H. KANSFELL TAXI
- 3) Address: 494 N. SOMERS RD.
- 4) Size and legal description of facility: NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SECT. 12  
T-224, R21W PM, M. Flathead County  
TOTAL ACRES 8.785
- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:  
Name: JAMES H. & JOAN B. MICHAEL  
Address: 494 N. SOMERS ROAD, KANSFELL MT.
- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.  
b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.
- 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).  
The subject property is presently unzoned.  
TITLE: Blaine Planning Director & Zoning Administrator  
OF: Flathead County, Montana  
(city or county)
- 8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: DEC. 1985
- SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: James H. Michael PHONE: 857-3626
- TITLE: Owner J. H. KANSFELL TAXI DATE: 16 APR. 86

Solid Waste Management Bureau  
1400 11th Avenue, Suite A  
Helena, MT 59601  
Telephone: (406) 449-2821

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Items 1, 2 & 3 -- Self-explanatory

Item 4 -- Fill in the complete legal description. Attach additional sheets if needed. A description of "7 miles north of town" or "817 Green Street" is not a legal description.

Item 5 -- If you are renting or leasing the property, fill in the information. If you are in the process of buying the land (contract for deed), you may leave the spaces blank.

Items 6 & 7 -- If you are submitting this application to license a currently licensed and properly shielded motor vehicle wrecking facility, you may omit the information required.

If the site you are applying for license on is not currently licensed, then you must send all information required in Item 6 and obtain the proper signature on Item 7.

Item 8 -- Self-explanatory

The yearly license will be issued after all information has been properly submitted, after the site has been approved and the shielding (if needed) is in place. The annual license fee of \$50.00, to be prorated on a quarterly basis for new facilities, shall be paid to the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences.



